

4. I think thee the most worthy
among those
worthy of sacrifice; i think thee the
overthrower of
the imperishable¹ (mountains) ; I think thee,
IKBEA,
the banner² of warriors; I think thee the
showerer
(of blessings) to men.

5. When, I^{HDR}, thou graspest in
thine arms
thy pride-humbling thunderbolt to smite Am,
when
the mountain-clouds loudly roar and the
cows³
loudly bellow, then the *Brahmam*⁴ offer
their
worship to Indra.

6. Let us praise that IRDBA who
produced all

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these things, to him all beings are
subsequent;
may we maintain friendship with INDRA
by our
hymns,⁵ let us bring the showerer (of
blessings)
near us by our praises.

7. ⁶All the gods who were thy friends
forsook
thee, flying away at the snorting of
YRITRA; O
IXDEA, let there be friendship to
thee with the
MARUTS ;⁷ then dost thou conquer all
these hostile
armies.

¹ Sayana adds another interpretation " of the
heroes not to be
overthrown."

² Another but less likely interpretation is " the
mam'fester of
thyself to thy worshippers."

³ The cows are the waters pent within the
clouds.

⁴ Siiynna explains *Irahmdnak* as " the
Brahmans," or as "the
taoiratiiins, etc/*

* Sdyana takes *mitram* as for *maitrim*; bnt he
offers another
interpretation, " let us say by our hymns * may
we be friends
with Indra.⁷ " ⁶ Sama Veda, I. 4. 1. 4. 2.

⁷ Cf. Ait. Itnihm. Hi. 20. The Maruts alone did
not leave him.